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FOR AMBASSADOR BOLEN FROM DAS ALAN A. REICH

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SUBJECT: RESIGNATION OF DAS ALAN A. REICH

1. ON MARCH 28, 1978, I ANNOUNCED MY RESIGNATION, FOR PERSONAL REASONS, AS DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR EAST-WEST TRADE AND DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF EAST-WEST TRADE. I SHALL, HOWEVER, CONTINUE WITH THE COMMERCE DEPARTMENT AS SPECIAL ADVISOR TO THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INDUSTRY AND TRADE.

2. EDWARD STROH, WHO HAS BEEN SERVING AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU SINCE 1975, HAS BECOME ACTING DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EAST-WEST TRADE AND BUREAU DIRECTOR UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. J. MISHELL GEORGE WILL SERVE AS THE BUREAU'S ACTING DEPUTY DIRECTOR.

3. I AM GRATEFUL TO YOU AND YOUR STAFF FOR YOUR COOPERATION WITH THE BUREAU AND WITH ME PERSONALLY IN OUR UNCLASSIFIED

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JOINT EFFORTS TO DEVELOP EAST-WEST TRADE. MUCH PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE, AND IT HAS BEEN REWARDING. YOU CAN COUNT

ON ME FOR WHATEVER ASSISTANCE YOU FEEL I CAN PROVIDE IN THE FUTURE TOWARD OUR COMMON GOALS OF INCREASING AMERICAN TRADE AND STRENGTHENING OUR OVERALL RELATIONS WITH THE GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC.

4. YOU HAVE MY VERY BEST WISHES. ALAN A. REICH, DEPUTY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR COMMERCE. VANCE

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